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Notes from KK4BK (Brian)

Dear SWARC members,

I want to thank you for the opportunity to be of service to the South Wake Amateur Radio Club once again.

Over the last few years of being missing from the club, I certainly did not feel that I was the one to fill the shoes of past club presidents. With the passing of Steve Mowels – KA0GMY, who fueled a lot of the behind the scene club happenings, and since no one was elected to the office, I felt it a fitting tribute to “Big Ugly”. He did so many things for me personally that I could use a full meeting to relive them – but I won’t.

In the coming year, expect to see some of Steve come out.

With that in mind – the club needs your support. We need Net Controllers.

Calling nets isn’t difficult. You play traffic cop to those checking into a net. There is a script that you can read each evening, but I promise – after saying it several times, you remember it and quit reading. Contact Rodney or me if you’re interested. IF NOT – the “Big Ugly” in me is gonna come out.



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I also want to help each of you become 'Radio Active' in the next year. POTA/SOTA, DMR Nets Field Day and Special Events are just some ideas. I'm a POTA guy. (side note – being Net Control helps me a lot in POTA) and as I do them, I will be sending an email or text to the club. I hope you each try to chase me.

You will be asked often: 'What do you do? What don't you do that you want to, and What help do you need to be more active'. You've been warned. Have an answer when called upon.

de KK4BK

Please remember our fellow members who are dealing with various medical situations. Please reach out to these members. Even a phone call can brighten their day and give them encouragement through their recovery.

We ask you to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Gary, KO4LQX, Kenny, KJ4CVK, Al, WA4TCJ, and Linda, KI4LO, Crawford.

Gary Plante, KO4LQX, reports:

Hey Richard, I hope you and the gang are doing well.



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Not much has changed with me.

The nephrologist confirmed my kidney issues and it looks like we just have to wait to see what happens when the immunotherapy is completely out of my system.

I am almost finished with my steroid boost and have my three weeks' visit with my oncologist next Tuesday.

Hopefully I will know more then.

Thanks, and take care,

Gary

KO4LQX

Kenny, KJ4CVK, is in an assisted living facility, in Lillington.

Al and Linda Crawford have had many health issues over the past few months and are feeling better and doing more these days.

Notes from KO4ZZFO (Rodney)

I look forward to seeing you at the annual fall picnic at our next meeting. Look for a Signup Genius later this month for side dishes, drinks and desserts.



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Rodney, KO4ZFO
Vice President 2025-26

SWARC 6 Aug 2025 Meeting

Thanks to all who brought things for us to eat.

This was a nicely attended meeting, the fellowship was great and the program was very informational.

Attendees: Richard (KR4LH), Dave, (NW3U), Rich (KZ4ET) and wife Jane, Christy (KJ4AEO), Don (KN4OEY), Paul (KN4GNI), Brian (K4BK), Mike (KD4OKR), Diane (KE4VNX), Mike (KD4MC), Steve (WB4SMS), Tom (KC2QVD), Phil (KZ4OE), David (KQ4ZLK), Rodney (KO4ZFO), Ron (K4AAA), Bill (KK4QDZ), Michael (KD4RFD), Bernie (N4BAJ), Ken (KN4GUS), Navin (KF4LFW), Dave (K4MSE) and guests Chad (N4WCS) and Chris (no call).

TREASURER'S REPORT

Christy Fernandini's report highlighted income of \$345.00 from dues and donations with expenses of \$33.36 for Square and bank fees. Balance of \$2,555.43 with no obligated funds.



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Public Service

To learn more about future events, you can go to <https://hpsnc.org/>. However, here are the current and future support needs:

Check the HPSNC.org web site often for Public Service opportunities. The public service season is very active and events need volunteers. You may also get to public service events on the RARS and SWARC websites.

MEMBERSHIP

It is now time to renew your membership, if you have not already done so. You can pay at a meeting or send a check to the PO Box – OR ->

We currently have a link on our website which allows you to pay your dues or make a donation. Please let us know when you pay online by emailing me, so that I can ensure your payment is marked either for dues or a donation. The link for SWARC dues is:

<https://urldefense.com/v3/https://square.link/u/h0LLrbD6?src=sms/>

You can bring a check or cash for dues to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will advise she has received them. Also, you can now renew online by contacting Christy and giving her the appropriate credit card info for the 'Square' account. Christy's email is christyfernandini@outlook.com. Make checks payable to



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South Wake ARC and send to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 –
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

NET REPORT

We will no longer be reporting net numbers. **Very few** net controls record their counts, so numbers could be significantly higher than recorded.

If you are a net control, please try to document your check-ins so that we can justify the trustee's provision of the repeater for our nets and other uses. **If you need help with the spreadsheet, send KR4LH a copy of your handwritten log and he will enter them. Text Richard at 830-515-9762 with a picture of your log.**

- Sunday evenings - KR4LH
- Monday evenings - KO4ZFO
- Tuesday evenings – KD4OKR
- Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights – KD4MC
- Thursday evenings – KN4OEY
- Friday evenings - NC4MP
- Saturday evenings – KK4BK

- And we need backups – JUST BECAUSE.



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Welcome to new substitute net controllers: CD Murphy (KJ4IJK), Bryant Byrd (KQ4UHZ), Al Kinnamon (WA#JJG) and Mark McFarland (KD7AAG).

Please contact Brian Knox (KK4BK), if you are interested in calling one or more nets. **If you are a scheduled net controller and you are not able to call your net, please reach out and ask someone else to call it for you!**

SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service. Refer to the SWARC web site for the Board of Directors/Officers and Appointed Positions.



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LINKS (if you have other links that you want added, send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network

www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

QRZ

www.qrz.com

Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS

www.jars..net

South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Carolina 440 Network

www.carolina440.net

North Carolina Packet

www.ncpacket.com

TARPN (Terrestrial Amateur Packet Radio Net)

www.tarpn.net

Useful Ham Info

www.torborg.com/a

Five County Ham Radio Enthusiasts

www.fivecountyhre.org

Ham Study (Exam Tools)

www.hamstudy.org



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This is the last issue that will follow a meeting; in the future, the newsletter will be sent out ahead of the meeting, which aligns our process with most radio clubs in the local area.

Due to formatting issues, I will forward the most recent ARRL News to all members, regardless of your membership in ARRL or not!

Here is a little ditty for you that will make you smile if you are old enough to remember the artists who wrote and performed the original signature song for them.

The Sound of Static

Hello static my old friend
I've come to listen to you again
Because a signal softly creeping
Left an echo of some code beeping
And the signal that had echoed in my brain
Still remains
Within the sound of static

In a darkened room I sat alone
With narrow on my 'phones
By the warmth of my kW amp
Turned down the RF as the signal ramped



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When my ears were stabbed by the crash of
a lightning strike
That split the night
And touched the sound of static

And in the pileup, there I saw
Two hundred people maybe more
People talking without speaking
People sending songs that voices never shared
And we all dared
Disturb the sound of static

And the people bowed and prayed
To the DX God they made!
And my amp flashed out in red warning
From the power it was forming
But the words of the people were hidden by the
JA wall
And still they called
Into the sound of static

Taken from the July 2025 RSGB RadCom magazine from a reader's
letter, with apologies to Simon and Garfunkel!